

March 2020

# First Friday

*A Monthly Newsletter of the Warren Township Schools*



## **Excellence in Education in Warren Township Schools**

Five teachers have been identified for their exceptional contributions to the students of Warren Township Schools as part of a district initiative to recognize outstanding educators. Additional details can be found by [Clicking Here](#).

The following teachers are this year's recipients of the Excellence in Education Award, pictured from left to right in the accompanying photo with Dr. Matthew Mingle:

Julie Jagiello, Special Education Teacher, Central School  
Karen Sutherland, Vocal Music Teacher, Woodland School  
Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent of Schools  
Myranda Shimko, Language Arts Teacher, Warren Middle School  
Michelle Wegener, Grade 4 Teacher, Angelo L. Tomaso School  
Carol Keirstead, Preschool Teacher, Mt. Horeb School



**SHINING BRIGHTER EVERY DAY!**

# Strategic Plan

## 2020-2025

The strategic plan action teams - consisting of teaching staff members, administrators, parents, and community members - have completed their work on the draft strategic plan. They will present an overview of their recommendations to the Warren Township Board of Education at its meeting on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Central School library. A video of the presentation will be shared on the district website later that week. The Board is expected to take action on the proposed strategic plan goals at its meeting on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:00pm at Angelo L. Tomaso School.

Fall 2018	Winter/Spring 2019	Summer 2019	Fall 2019	Winter 2020	March/April 2020
<b>Vision</b>	<b>RFP</b>	<b>Planning</b>	<b>Kick Off Events</b>	<b>Action Groups</b>	<b>Adopt Plan</b>
Board and Superintendent finalize vision for strategic planning process.	Administration works with Ad Hoc Committee to develop RFP for facilitator. Board approves facilitator.  Superintendent seeks assistance from ASCD resources.	Ad Hoc Committee works with consultant to develop comprehensive action plan for 19-20.	Staff - In-service  Community events  Students	Action planning groups do the work of designing proposals.	Public dialogue and discussion along with a final plan adopted.

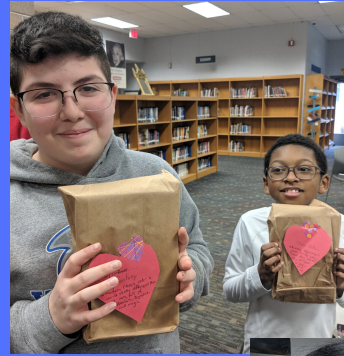
As part of that work, the action teams are recommending that the district codify commitments in four large focus areas identified through the community engagement sessions as high priorities.

Health, Wellness & Safety	Voice & Engagement	Equity & Consistency	Competencies
<p>The Warren Township School District commits to providing an optimal learning environment that is physically, socially and emotionally safe for students and adults.</p>	<p>The Warren Township School District commits to providing enhanced two-way communication in order to encourage stakeholder voice and accountability while providing support to all participants engaged in the learning process.</p>	<p>The Warren Township School District commits to providing each student with access to appropriate opportunities for a rich array of academic and social-emotional experiences in a manner considerate of an equitable approach to staff responsibilities.</p>	<p>The Warren Township School District commits to providing each student with the academic and social-emotional competencies necessary to succeed in school, career, and life.</p>

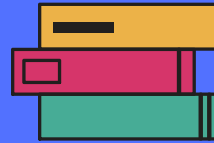
# News from the Schools

# Warren Middle School

For WMS Upcoming Events please visit:  
<https://www.warrentboe.org/schools/middle/>



Blind Date with a Book



On March 12 Warren Middle School will be hosting a presentation titled, Hidden In Plain Sight. [Click Here](#) for additional details.



WMS students traveled around the district during Read Across America Day to help all of the elementary students celebrate!!



Congratulations to Warren Middle School ELA Teacher Mrs. Myranda Shimko, recipient of the 2020 Excellence in Education award! Mr. George Villar, Principal Mr. Christian Bellmann, BOE President, Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent of Schools, and Ms. Maria Mensinger, Assistant Principal, surprised Mrs. Shimko with flowers as they delivered the special news!



Mrs. Christine Cirrotti's Ted Ed group performed for their peers and a group of administrators. TED-Ed supports students in identifying their passion, encourages public speaking, connects a global network of classrooms and shares student ideas in the form of short, Ted-style talks.



# Angelo L. Tomaso School

## UPCOMING EVENT

ALT Winter Fruit and Veggie International Day

## DATE

3/13/20  
3/27/20



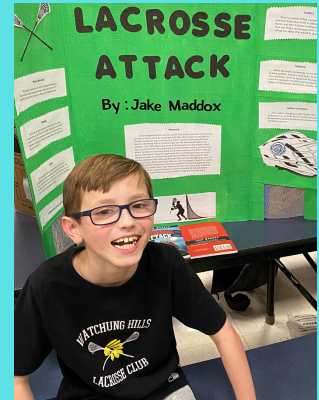
**ALT Jungle Book Fair!!**



**100 Days of School!!**

## ALT's 6th Annual Reading Fair!

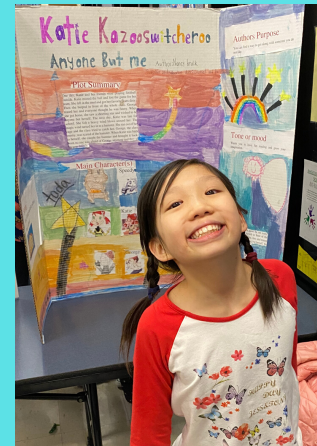
The Reading Fair is an opportunity for the students to highlight their favorite books. They create eye-catching, informative tri-fold displays in an effort to convince other people to read their books. Participation is entirely optional, as all of the work is completed at home and brought to school on the night of the event. This year over 75 students participated in the event! Mrs. Nancy Andrews and Mrs. Susan Jackson coordinated the Reading Fair.



## Read Across America



Congratulations to Angelo L. Tomaso School Grade 4 Teacher Mrs. Michelle Wegener, recipient of the 2020 Excellence in Education award! Mr. Christian Bellmann, BOE President, Ms. Christine Smith, Principal, and Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent of Schools, surprised Mrs. Wegener with flowers as they delivered the special news!



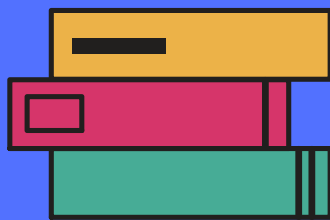
# Central School

## UPCOMING EVENT

Spirit Day  
Grades 4/5 Concert

## DATE

3/20/20  
3/30/20



**100** Days of School!!



The official Cat in the Hat visits Central School! [Click Here](#) to see!

The new and improved Central School library officially re-opened on February 5. [Click Here](#) to read more!

Read Across America



Congratulations to Central School Kindergarten-Grade 2 Teacher, Mrs. Julie Jagiello, recipient of the 2020 Excellence in Education award! Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent of Schools, and Mrs. Alison Tugya, Principal, and Mr. Christian Bellmann, BOE President, surprised Mrs. Jagiello with flowers as they delivered the special news!



# Mt. Horeb School

## UPCOMING EVENT

Grades 4/5 Concert

## DATE

3/25/20



[Click Here](#) to learn more about the Mt. Horeb Preschool Program.

[Click Here](#) to read more about the Living Wax Museum!



100 Days of School!



Congratulations to Mt. Horeb Preschool Teacher Mrs. Carol Keirstead, recipient of the 2020 Excellence in Education award! Mr. Christian Bellmann, BOE President, Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent of Schools & Mr. Scott Cook, Principal, surprised Mrs. Keirstead with flowers as they delivered the special news!



## Read Across America



A Gators Rock Production - Mt. Horeb Staff Can't Stop the Reading!! [Click Here to view!](#)



# Woodland School



## UPCOMING EVENT

## DATE

Spirit Day - Wear Green

3/17/20

Parent-Teacher Bball Game

3/19/20

Rain Date Parent-Teacher Bball Game

3/26/20

Grades 4/5 Musical

3/30/20

**100** Days of School ↙



The new and improved Woodland School library officially re-opened on February 26. [Click Here](#) to read more!



Read Across America



Congratulations to Woodland School Vocal Music Teacher Mrs. Karen Sutherland, recipient of the 2020 Excellence in Education award! Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jeffrey Heaney, Principal, and Mr. Christian Bellmann, BOE President surprised Mrs. Sutherland with flowers as they delivered the special news!





# Upcoming Events DISTRICT WIDE

EVENT

DATE

Board of Education Meeting

3/9/20

SEPAG Resource Fair - [Click Here for details](#)

3/19/20

Board of Education Meeting

3/23/20



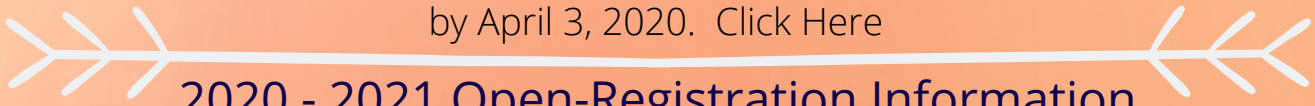
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**Join us on March 12, 2020 at Warren Middle School for the Hidden In Plain Sight Presentation.** Come out and learn the latest drug trends and the dangers of vaping. Doors open at 6 PM the presentation begins at 7 PM. [Click Here](#) for more details.

## Summer Fun



It's never too early to start planning for the summer! [Click Here](#) for details about the AWESOME Summer Fun program that will be held at Mt. Horeb School from June 29 - July 31!! Early Bird discount if you register and pay in full by April 3, 2020. [Click Here](#)



## 2020 - 2021 Open-Registration Information

The open registration portal to pre-register your new to the district student for the 2020-2021 school year is now active. Please [Click Here](#) to access the registration link to begin the 2020-2021 registration process for new to the district kindergarten students, grades 1 - 8 students, or preschool students selected in the lottery process to attend in the 2020-2021 school year. If you have neighbors or friends seeking to register students, please share this link or encourage them to visit the Warren Township School District's [web page](#) to access the link.



### **Coronavirus (Covid-19) Information**

In addition to archived copies of all communications related to COVID-19, there is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document located on the district website that will be updated as often as necessary.

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